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THREE YEARS
AGO, TODAY,
AKAGI-SAN
DEPARTED
FROM OUR
WORLD...

CHAPTER 1

第1話

神眼

THE WATCH OF A GOD



AND
THAT'S WHY
I'M HERE...
TO PAY MY
RESPECTS
TO HIM.

TRANSLATED BY SONICKRAZY
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TYPESETTING BY KAZUHIRO



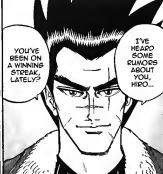
神眼

第1話

CHAPTER 1 - THE WATCH OF A GOD



...
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE,
HASN'T IT,
TEN-SAN?







SIGN: MAHJONG PARLOR SAWADA



IT'S IN
HERE.



TEN-
SAN!!



HE-
HEY, LOOK
WHO IT
IS!

TEN IN MANY EAST ASIAN CULTURES SUCH AS JAPAN. THE DAY A PERSON DIES IS RECOMMENDED ONCE A YEAR, WHICH LIES
BETWEEN, ONLY TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE DEPARTED. IN JAPANESE, THIS DAY IS CALLED A "KINCHI" OR ANCESTRAL DAY.



SAWADA-
SAN...?!



DECIDED
TO COME
BACK THIS
YEAR FOR
AKABO'S
360 KINCHI,
HMM?



BOTH ARE
VERY WELL-
RESPECTED
MEN...



I'M
SORRY TO
HAVE MADE
YOU DO
THAT ON
SUCH SHORT
NOTICE...

I NEED
THE OTHER
TWO, HERE,
TO FILL UP
THE SEATS.

SO I
CLOSED
THE SHOP
TO BEAT IT
CLOSED FOR
YOU

THIS
IS MY
LITTLE
SHOP,
HERE.



AND
NO
ADAO.

NO
KISHIHO



IT'S QUITE
THE HONOR
TO BE PLAYING
WITH ONE OF THE
LEADERS OF THE
EAST-WEST
BATTLE.



I CAN
GUARANTEE
THAT THEY
ARE BOTH
QUITE
SKILLED.

THEY MAY
BE YOUNG,
BUT BOTH
ARE WELL-
KNOWN ESP
PLAYERS.



THE WINNER
OF THE MATCH
IS WHOMEVER
HAS THE MOST
POINTS OVER
ALL THE
SESSIONS.

THE SEATS
WILL CHANGE
EVERY 5
HANCHAN
SESSIONS.



EVERYONE
STARTS WITH
25,000 AND
THE NORMAL
UMA AND OKA
BONUSES
APPLY.

AS FOR
THE RULES,
OPEN TANYAO
AND HEAD
BURNS ARE
BOTH IN



SO, THEN,
AS HIRO
REQUESTED...



...WHATEVER
HANCHAN
YOU'RE
ON WILL
BE THE
LAST!

ONCE THIS
CLOCK
GOES OFF
AFTER 24
HOURS...

24:00⁰⁰

18:04

...PLAYING
FOR 24
STRAIGHT
HOURS!

...LET'S
BEGIN THE
2-HOUR
MAHJONG
WAR...

...The
countdown
begins
on the
24-Hour
Mahjong
War
between
Ten and
Hiroyuki!

On
November
26, 2002 at
6:04 PM...

23:59⁵⁷

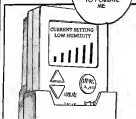
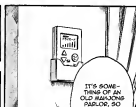
Actual Time

18:04

Set Time

Hour

Minute



...LEFT
BEHIND
A LAST
REQUEST.

AKAGI-
SAN...

...FROM
NOW ON,
GET AWAY
FROM

GO,
THEN...

GO...

...AND
TOWARDS
THE LIFE
YOU WERE
GIVEN.

AWAY
FROM THAT
SO-CALLED
'PROPER'...

**THAT'S
WHY...
YOU SHOULD
NEVER BE
AFRAID OF
FAILURE!**

**IF YOU'RE
TRASH, BUT
STILL HAVE
THE SPARK OF
LIFE, TAKE
IT ON!**

**BEING
THIRD-RATE...
I'D SAY IT'S
A GREAT WAY
TO LIVE.**







I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO THIS DAY,
EVER SINCE
THEN!



I'LL PAY
EVERYTHING
I'VE LEANED
FOR THE FIRST
3 YEARS INTO
THIS MATCH!!

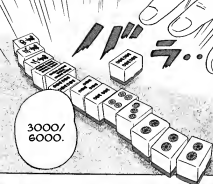
I'LL
WIN!
FOR
SURE!

...IS
TEN!



和江...
和江...





3000/
6000.



ATTACKING
FROM THE VERY
START? WE CAN'T
START OUT WITH
SOME FRIENDLY
GAMEPLAY OR
ANYTHING?



South
Fourth
Round.
Ten is the
Dealer.



TEN HASN'T
EXACTLY BEEN
PLAYING WELL
TO THIS POINT,
THOUGH...

HERO'S
IN 1ST PLACE

WITH TEN-
SAN AS MY
OPPONENT, I
CAN'T HOLD
BACK FOR
EVEN A
SECOND.



THESE
TWO...

OF
TEN GUY
WAS FIRST
DOWN.
THESE
TWO
POINTS
WILL
BEHOLD
THEIR
UP
IN
EARLY

RICH!!

RICH!!

#2..

3
Turns
Later
—

THEY
CAN
SENSE
THAT
TEN ISN'T
PULLING
THE
STRINGS
JUST
YET.

...
Hiroyuki
reaches
Tenpai!

...BUT THE 3-SOM
ISN'T EXACTLY
SAFE, EITHER...

THE 4-
ARMY WILL BE
DANGEROUS TO
PLAY AGAINST
THOSE TWO
SOME...



HIRO....!

SO,
WHAT WILL
YOU DO,
NOW?





IT
WENT
THRO-
UGH!



RIICHI!



.....



ALL
THREE
OF YOU
CALLED
RIICHI!

GUESS
I'M BEAT,
NOW...

THAT'S NO
WAY TO TAKE
THIS BACK
FROM ME,
TEN-SAN!



JUST
GONNA WAIT
AND SEE HOW
IT PANS OUT,
HMM...?





GUESS
I'LL
GUCHI
TOO,
THEN.



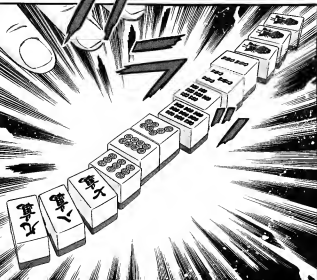
WHAT?
IT WENT
THRO-
UGH?



TSUNO.

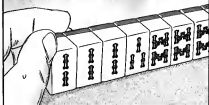


And
then,
on the
next
turn...



AND MORE THAN
THAT, MY 3-SIDED
WAIT WAS SHUT
DOWN...

HE MADE AN
IPPATSU WITH
THOSE LOUSY
ODDS...





NOW THIS
IS THE TEN-
SAN I WAS
LOOKING
FOR...

THE POWER
HAD TO
OVERCOME
TONIGHT!



HE'S
OPENED
THE FLOOD
GATES,
RIGHT OFF
THE BAT...



...The flow
favored Ten
so much that
he simply
could not be
stopped...

How-
ever...



RON.

RON.

For
the first
5 Han-
chans...

TSUNO.



TSUNO.

RON.

He
had a
massive
lead in
all 5
sessions!

...Ten
was ab-
solutely
unstop-
pable!

Ten: +310.3
Hiroyuki: -27.1
Kishibe: -158.5
Araki: -124.7

I'LL PUT
A STOP TO
THIS...
FOR SURE.

HE
CERTAINLY
WASN'T
GONE FULL
THROTTLE
FROM THE
START.

IT'S
ALMOST
LIKE HE'S
NOT EVEN
TRYING...

AT THIS
RATE, TEN
WILL HAVE A
FLAWLESS
VICTORY...

WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO,
HIRO...?



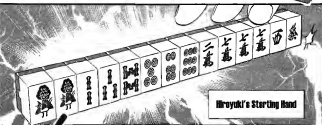
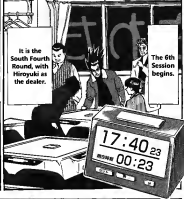
It is the
South Fourth
Round, with
Hiroyuki as
the dealer.

The 6th
Session
begins.



THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE
OF 1,400
BETWEEN
HIM AND
TEN

HIRO
IS IN
LAST ...



Hiroyuki's Starting Hand



HE'S STARTED
WITH A CON-
CEALED TRIPLET
OF THE 1000!!



HIROYUKI'S II SHAN TEN IS IN VERY GOOD SHAPE!

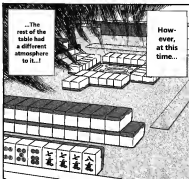


...The rest of the table had a different atmosphere to it..!

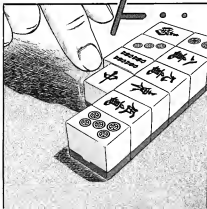
How-
ever,
at this
time...

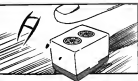
I CAN
SEE HIM
GETTING
INTO
1ST WITH
THIS...!!

IT'S ALREADY
LOOKING LIKE
HE'LL GET
A DEALER
MANGAN
AT THIS
RATE...!











And on his next draw...

THIS IS TOO ROUGH...



... That hope is in vain!



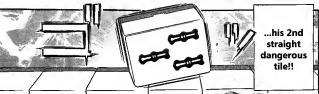
...Hiroyuki draws a dangerous tile...!



ADAM'S DISCARDS LOOK LIKE HE COULD BE GOING FOR SOUZO NOW IT'S...

THIS IS TOO ROUGH...

BUT SHOULD HE GO FOR IT, DESPITE THAT...?!











**...IT
COULDN'T
BE....?**



...He
arrived at a
hypothesis
for what it
could be.

After
thinking
through
all of the
possibilities
for Araki's
Hand...



That
doubt-
ful
conjec-
ture!

...
Was
accu-
rate!



**AN
....!**



And
that
hypo-
thesis
...

...A
Kokushi
Musou
Tenpai!



Araki's
hand was,
in fact...



SO TO SET
SOMEONE
TO PLAY THE
1-MAN, HE
CALLED
"RICH!"

HE
NOTICED
THAT HIS
DISCARDS
SEEMED TO
SUGGEST
A "RICH" HAND.



I
SEE...

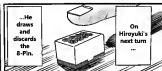


I IMAGINE IF
HIRO HADN'T
PLAYED THAT
5-S-COU, HE
WOULD HAVE
GOTTEN RID
OF IT.

IT WOULDN'T
BE UNUSUAL
FOR KISHIRO
TO PLAY
THAT 1-MAN
AT SOME
POINT...

ACTU-
ALLY...

Kishiro's Hand





In order
to advance
his hand,
Kishibe...

Subse-
quently
...



HEH-
HEH-
HEH...

...
**Finally
lets it
go!**



A... A
KOKUSHI
?!

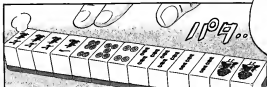
11° 11° ..

THAT'S
IT.

RON!!

11° 11° ..





DEALER MANSAN,
12,000
POINTS...
THAT'S
ENOUGH
FOR A
COME-
BACK.









HOW
COULD YOU
POSSIBLY
NARROW
IT DOWN
TO A HAND
WITH JUST
THAT...?!

BUT...

FOR THOSE,
YOU DON'T HAVE
TO LOOK AT MORE
THAN ONE OR TWO
PLACES TO CON-
FIRM YOUR WAIT.

A NORMAL
HAND CON-
SISTS OF 4
DIFFERENT
SETS AND
A PAIR.



EVERYONE
ALWAYS
LOOKS
TO MAKE
SURE

EXACTLY.



SO
THAT'S
IT...!!

HAH...!



**HOWEVER,
FOR JUST ONE
HAND IN ALL OF
MAHJONG...**

**...YOU CAN'T
CONFIRM YOUR
WAIT WITHOUT
LOOKING AT
EVERY SINGLE
TILE IN YOUR
TENPAI!**

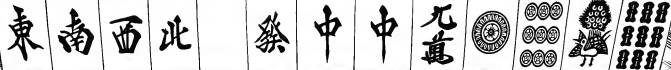
...BY
FOLLOWING
HIS LINE OF
SIGHT!

I COULD
NARROW IT
DOWN TO A
KOKUSHI
MUSOU
TENPAI...

...WENT TO
LOOK AT EVERY
SINGLE TILE IN
HIS HAND!

...ARAKI'S
EYES...

WHEN
HE WAS
CHECKING TO
CONFIRM HIS
TENPAI...





EVEN IF YOU
KNEW HE HAD A
KOKUSHI TENPAI,
TO KNOW IT
RIGHT DOWN TO
THE WAIT...



BUT
STILL...

HMM, I
SEE...



IF YOU GOT
A KOKUSHI
TENPAI, WHAT
WOULD YOU
DO, FIRST?

REASON--
SAY...



YES. AND IF
THEY DO GO
TO CHECK THE
DISCARDS...



RIGHT...

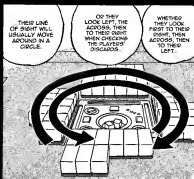
TO SEE
HOW MANY
TILES IN
MY WAIT
WERE STILL
LEFT.

WELL, I
SUPPOSE I'D
LOOK AT THE
DISCARDS.



ARAKI FIRST
LOOKED TO
HIS LEFT, AT
TEN-SAN'S
DISCARDS.

IN THAT
INSTANCE,
HOWEVER,



THEIR LINE
OF SIGHT WILL
USUALLY MOVE
AROUND IN A
CIRCLE.

OR THEY
LOOK LEFT, THEN
ACROSS, THEN
TO THEIR RIGHT
WHEN CHECKING
THE PLAYERS'
DISCARDS...

WHETHER
THEY LOOK
FIRST TO THEIR
RIGHT, THEN
ACROSS, THEN
TO THEIR
LEFT.



HE
DIDN'T FIND
WHAT HE WAS
LOOKING FOR
IN KISHI'S
OR MY DIS-
CARDS.

THAT'S
RIGHT!



AND HIS
WINNING TILE
TURNED OUT
TO BE IN TEN'S
DISCARDS...



HE THEN
WENT
TO LOOK
RIGHT, AT
KISHI'S



AND
SINCE HE
TOOK THAT
ROUTE TO
CHECK THE
DISCARDS...

AND THEN
ACROSS,
TO LOOK
AT MY DIS-
CARDS



AND SO, HE
THEN GLANCED
BACK AFTER-
WARDS...



AMONG
THOSE, ARAKI
HAD ALREADY
PLAYED THE
TON, NAN AND
9-MAN...

THE
KORUSHI
TILES IN
TEN-SAN'S
POND WERE
TON, NAN,
1-MAN, AND
9-MAN.



...
WAS
THAT
1-MAN
...!

SO
THE
ONLY
ONE IT
COULD
BE...



...AND
STOPPED
TO LOOK AT
TEN-SAN'S
DISCARDS,
AGAIN!



**HE HAS
STEPPED
INTO THE
TERRITORY
THAT IS NOT
REACHABLE
BY NORMAL
PEOPLE....!!**

**THIS MAN...
IS CERTAINLY
BEING WATCHED
OVER BY A
GOD...!**





**IT SEEMS,
NOW...**

**...THERE'S
NO TELLING
WHETHER TEN
WILL DESTROY
HIM OR NOT**

!!
~~~~~



# 麻雀狂さわたし

AH...  
YEAH...

WELL, I  
SUPPOSE  
WE'D BEST  
HEAD  
BACK IN

## CHAPTER 2 - BINDING SHACKLES

### 第2話 足枷



...has  
entered  
the 7th  
Hanchan!



CHAPTER 2  
第2話  
足枷  
BINDING SHACKLES

The  
24-Hour  
Mahjong  
War  
between  
Ten and  
Hiroyuki...

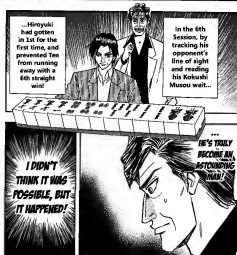


Before  
long, the  
sun had  
risen on  
the 15th  
Hanchan.

T  
S  
U  
M  
O  
!!

...the  
game's  
flow  
began  
to  
favor  
Hiro-  
yuki!

And  
then, as if  
spurred on  
by Sawada's  
admiration...



...Hiroyuki  
had gotten  
in 1st for the  
first time, and  
prevented Ten  
from running  
away with a  
6th straight  
win!

In the 6th  
Session, by  
tracking his  
opponent's  
line of sight  
and reading  
his Kokushi  
Musou wait...

I DIDN'T  
THINK IT WAS  
POSSIBLE, BUT  
IT HAPPENED!

...  
HE'S TRULY  
BECOME AN  
ASTONISHING  
MAN!

HIROYUKI  
HAD RISEN  
TO BRIL-  
LIANTLY  
OVERTAKE  
TENJIN  
POINTS!

MUCH  
LIKE THE  
SUN THAT  
WAS RISING  
BEHIND  
HIM...

POINT TOTALS GOING  
INTO THE 16TH SESSION

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| TEN      | +208.9 |
| HIROYUKI | +398.7 |
| KISHIBE  | -357.5 |
| ARAKI    | -250.1 |



IF IT  
KEEPS  
GOING  
AT THIS  
RATE, HE  
MIGHT  
JUST  
BEAT  
TEN!

7  
HOURS  
LEFT...

07:12 49

10:51



And so,  
the 18th  
Session  
began.



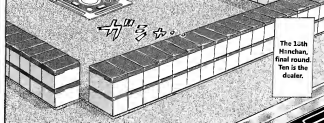
FROM  
UP THERE,  
ABOVE THE  
CLOUDS...

AKAGI...  
ARE YOU  
WATCHING?

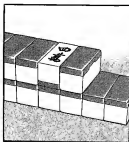


WATCH HIRO'S  
BATTLE TO THE  
END....!

WATCH IT  
CLOSELY...



The 10th Hinchan, final round. Ten is the dealer.



The 10th Turn.

...On a  
Tanyao,  
Pinfu,  
San Shoku  
hand with  
many  
different  
outs!

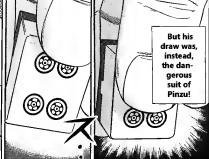
Hiro-  
yuki  
makes  
it to  
Tenpai  
...



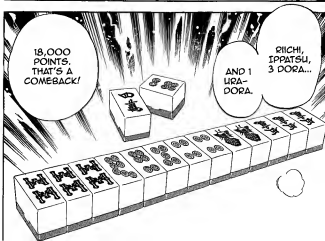
A  
riichi,  
certain  
to  
win!













...AND  
TAKE THE  
3-SIDED  
WAIT,  
WOULDN'T  
YOU??

WITH A CLOSED  
TRIPLET OF THE  
DONA, YOU'D  
ALWAYS DEAL  
THE 4-PIN...



NORMALLY, FROM A HAND  
WITH 4-4-5-6-7-8 PIN,  
YOU'D DEAL THE 4-PIN  
TO LEAVE A 3-6-9-PIN  
WAIT... BUT HE IGNORED  
THAT AND DEALT THE 3-PIN  
FOR A 4-PIN AND 1-SOU  
DOUBLE WAIT....??



WHY...  
WHAT'S  
WITH THAT  
DOUBLE  
WAIT...??



...So there  
was only 1  
tile left he  
could win  
off of...!

And  
yet...!!

What's more,  
the 1-sou was  
all used up and  
there was only 1  
4-pin left when  
he went to  
Riichi...

**AN UNREAL  
AMOUNT OF  
LUCK....!!**



...DID HE THINK  
HE WOULD  
TSUMO AND  
GET SAN  
ANKOU...??

DID HE  
THINK...



THAT'S  
JUST  
CRAZY  
...!!

AND HE  
GOT SPATSU  
OFF THE ONE  
REMAINING  
4-PIN, TO  
BOOT.



THAT WAS NOT LUCK, JUST NOW!

NO...!



TOUGH LUCK THERE, HIRO.

3+3...



BUT HOW ON EARTH...

ざわ

THERE'S  
NO  
DOUBT  
ABOUT  
THAT  
....!

HE  
KNEW  
WHERE  
THAT  
4-PIN  
WAS!

TEN-SAN  
DEFINITELY  
KNEW!



HOW  
DID  
HE...P!





It continues, to the 19th Hanchan



On the same turn, Hiroyuki reaches Tenpai.



YOU REAL THE M-PIN HERE, RIGHT?







... THEN HISO WOULD BE AFFECTED TREMENDOUSLY!

AND IF IT SOMEHOW WORKED OUT FOR HIM...

ONCE THAT SEED OF DOUBT HAS BEEN PLANTED, IT CAN'T BE IGNORED!

...IT WOULD BE A GREAT KICKBACK, AND HE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE A COWARDICE.

...IT WOULD BE A GREAT KICKBACK, AND HE WOULDN'T HAVE MADE A COWARDICE.



IT WAS THE MIDDLE SLUG FOR WHAT HE HAD DISCARDED EARLIER, AND IF HE DREW IT, IT WOULD BE SAN ANTONIO.

SO EVEN THOUGH IT ONLY HAD ONE TILE STILL ALIVE TO WIN OFF OF...





**Like  
a weak  
spot in  
a fragile  
bridge!**

**Small,  
but not  
worth  
risking  
your life  
over!**



So much  
so that,  
after the  
21st  
Session...

Hiroyuki  
had  
stalled...



HIRO  
PROBABLY  
WOULDN'T EVEN  
CHALLENGE  
THAT'S WHAT  
HAPPENED.

TEN  
KNOWS  
HIRO'S  
NATURE  
QUITE  
WELL...



POINT TOTALS GOING  
INTO THE 22ND SESSION  
TEN  
+505.1  
HIROYUKI +353.4  
KISHIBE +400.2  
ARAKI +146.3

...The  
game  
was  
still  
heading  
strongly  
in Ten's  
favor!



...WILL BE  
DECIDED  
IN THIS  
HANCHAN!



SEEMS  
LIKE THE  
ONE WHO  
WILL TAKE  
THE GAME...

THERE'S  
UNDEFIN'D  
MOMENTS LEFT,  
AND THOSE  
TWO ARE  
ABOUT  
EVEN...





GOOD FROM  
EVERYONE.

TSUMO!



RON!



NOW'S  
NOT THE  
TIME TO  
DOOMIE  
AROUND!

THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
MAD...



12300.



**ON THE 9TH TURN, TEN'S HAND IS IN A CONCEALED TENPAI FOR HON ITSU AND CHII TOTTSU!**





The  
10th  
Turn.



Ten  
deals  
the  
9-sou.



...Also  
plays his  
9-sou.

Naturally,  
seeing this,  
Hiroyuki...



...Is  
the  
9-sou  
...!

Ten's  
draw...



But  
on the  
next  
turn...



HMM  
HMM  
HMM

How-  
ever,  
on the  
16th  
Turn



WELL, WITHOUT  
CALLING HIM-  
SELF, HE  
COULD ONLY GET  
A COMEBACK  
FROM A DIRECT  
HIT, ANYWAY...

HE  
COULD  
HAVE  
GOTTEN  
A  
T-SHINO...



WHA...?

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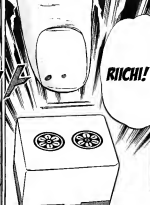
I GUESS  
IT'S TIME  
TO FIGHT  
BACK,  
NOW...



HE'S  
CALLING  
RIICHI  
NOW?

WHA  
?!  
.....

DOES HE  
THINK HE'LL  
GET IPPATSU  
AGAIN...?!



RIICHI!



NO...

THERE'S  
ONLY ONE  
MORE CARD  
LEFT.  
SHOULD  
I CALL OFF  
IPPATSU  
NOW...?



'S IT ALL  
RIGHT IF I  
TRY FOR  
IPPATSU?

HEY,  
HIRO...



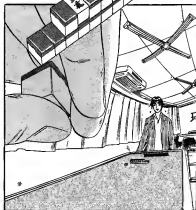
I'LL BE  
THE ONLY  
ONE IN  
NOTEN

IF I CALL...



HAHA  
HAHA  
HAHA

IN THE NEXT  
ROUND, HE'D  
BE ABLE TO  
OVERTAKE  
ME WITH ANY  
KIND OF  
MANNING  
WIN!









**THANKS  
TO IPPATSU,  
IT HITS  
BAIMAN,  
RIGHT  
ON THE  
NOSE!**

**ザラ**

**NO NEED  
TO EVEN  
LOOK AT  
THE URA-  
DORA...**

**A HELL  
WAIT ON  
HAKU...!**

**HE  
DREW AN  
IPPATSU  
HERE...!**

**NO  
WAY  
...!**

**THIS IS THE  
LEADER OF EAST,  
TEN TAKASHI!**

**THIS ISN'T A  
QUESTION  
OF WHAT HE  
HAS OR  
DOES NOT  
HAVE...**

**THIS  
...**



THINKING  
BACK ON  
THAT WIN,  
LAST  
ROUND...



HE HAD TO  
KNOW THAT  
TILE WAS  
A HAKU,  
SOMEHOW  
....!



....  
TEN-SAN  
HAD TO  
KNOW  
ABOUT  
IT!



ALL THIS  
PLAYING  
CAN MAKE  
A GUY  
REALLY  
THEORY!

Inter-  
mission

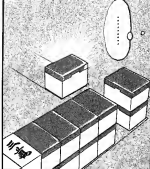
YEAH...





WASN'T  
THAT THE  
TILE...

WAIT  
A  
SEC  
...!!



IT'S THE TILE  
THAT SPUN  
AROUND AT  
THE START  
OF THE  
ROUND..!



...THAT  
4-PIN...

WHAT  
I DEALT IN  
WITH BACK  
IN THE 15TH  
SESSION...

COME  
TO  
THINK  
OF IT

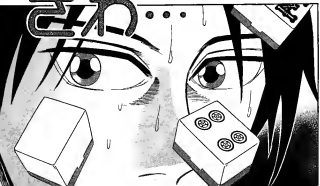
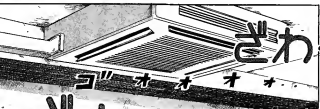
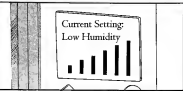
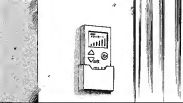
...



OOP...  
CAUGHT  
IT.

DIDN'T  
THAT  
ONE SPIN  
AROUND,  
TOO....?!





**I GOT IT... THAT'S  
WHAT'S GOING ON!**

**THE PUZZLE  
HAS BEEN  
SOLVED!!**

TRANSLATED BY SONICWRAZ  
CLEANED BY DEAN AGUI  
REDRAWING BY BIGGIMS  
TYPESETTING NAZUMINO



...HAS  
BEEN  
SOLVED!

THE  
MYSTERY OF  
TEN-SAN'S  
UNREAL  
HANDS...



I CAN  
TURN THIS  
AROUND!

...WAS THE  
THOUGHT  
OF A SPIN-  
NING TOP!

AND  
THE KEY  
TO THE  
PUZZLE...



· ROTATION  
CHAPTER 3  
第3話 回転



CHAPTER 3  
• ROTATION  
第3話  
回転

...TO  
OVER-  
COME  
TEN-  
SAN!

NOW'S  
MY CHANCE  
TO TAKE  
BACK THE  
LEAD...

Hiroyuki  
flew through  
the better  
part of the  
Session  
with ease.

RON!

TSUNO!

However,  
as if to contradict  
Sawada's speculation  
...

TSUNO!

THE  
HANDCHAN  
AFTER THIS  
ONE WILL  
MORE THAN  
LIKELY BE  
THE LAST.

THERE'S  
NOT  
MUCH  
TIME...

IF TEN  
CAN COME  
OUT ON TOP  
IN THIS  
HANDCHAN,  
HIRO WILL  
HAVE NO  
CHANCE OF  
WINNING!

The  
23rd  
Han-  
chan.

POINT TOTALS GOING  
INTO THE 23RD SESSION

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| TEN      | 1444.5 |
| HIROYUKI | •365.5 |
| KOSHIBE  | •544.5 |
| ARAKI    | •265.7 |

There is  
an Hour  
and 41  
Minutes  
remain-  
ing.

01:40 58  
WEDNESDAY 16:23

...He dealt  
into a mas-  
sive hand  
on only the  
3rd Turn!

RON!  
16300.

But,  
in the  
South  
3rd  
Round,  
1st  
Honba  
...

...GOT SUCH  
A MASSIVE  
HAND, OUT OF  
NOWHERE?!

THE  
PLAYER  
IN LAST  
OVERALL  
...

THAT'S  
JUST  
CRAZY

23RD SESSION,  
FINAL ROUND

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| KISHIBE  | 41,800 |
| HIROYUKI | 30,700 |
| TEN      | 25,600 |
| ARAKI    | 2,200  |

WITH JUST  
THAT HAND,  
HE'S TAKEN  
1ST PLACE  
AWAY FROM  
ME...!



**EVEN  
THOUGH I'VE  
SOLVED THE  
PUZZLE...**

**CAN IT  
REALLY  
END, AS  
EASILY  
AS THAT  
...?!**



**BEFORE  
WE EVEN  
GET TO  
THE FINAL  
HANDICAP  
...?!**

**IS IT  
REALLY  
GONNA  
END LIKE  
THIS...?**



In the  
critical  
last round  
he was  
worrying  
about...

How-  
ever...



**...WILL  
I NEVER  
GET A  
CHANCE  
TO USE  
IT?!**

**...  
AND GOT A  
CHANCE TO  
OVERCOME  
TEN-SAN  
...**



**...  
Suddenly  
snuck up  
on him!**



The  
event  
he was  
waiting  
for...

In  
this, the  
eleventh  
hour...

# The Rotation!

くらん。



THIS  
TILE  
SPINN-  
ING IN  
PLACE  
!!!

THIS IS  
MY LAST  
CHANCE  
TO TURN  
THE GAME  
AROUND!



IT ROTATED!!



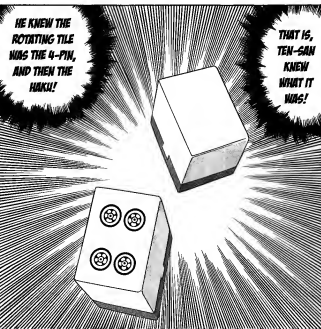
...THOSE  
FEATS OF  
MAGIC!

IT  
WAS THE  
SECRET  
BEHIND  
...



WAS WHAT  
TEN USED  
FOR THOSE  
2 UNREAL  
WINS...

THAT  
ROTATING  
TILE...



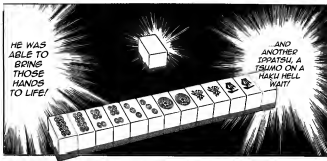
HE KNEW THE  
ROTATING TILE  
WAS THE 4-PIN,  
AND THEN THE  
HAKU!

THAT IS,  
TEN-SAN  
KNEW  
WHAT IT  
WAS!



...HE GOT  
AN IPPATSU  
DIRECT HIT  
AGAINST ME  
WITH THAT LAST  
TILE IN HIS  
DOUBLE  
WAIT.

AND SINCE  
HE KNEW  
THE SECRET  
BEHIND THAT  
ROTATION



HE WAS  
ABLE TO  
BRING  
THOSE  
HANDS  
TO LIFE!

...AND  
ANOTHER  
IPPATSU, A  
TSUMO ON A  
HAKU HELL  
WAIT!



**THE  
MECHANISM  
BEHIND  
IT...**

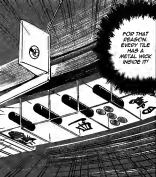
HE  
KNOWS  
THE  
SECRET  
BEHIND  
THE  
ROTATING  
TILE!

TEN-  
SAN  
KNOWS  
ABOUT  
IT!



YES... HE  
KNOWS...



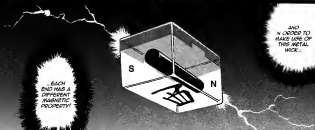


FOR THAT REASON, EVERY TILE HAS A METAL WICK INSIDE IT!



...IS ONLY POSSIBLE IN AUTOMATIC SELF-SHUFFLING TABLES LIKE THIS.

...DURING THE SHUFFLING PROCESS, THE TILES ARE PICKED UP MAGNETICALLY AND LINED UP INTO THE WALLS.



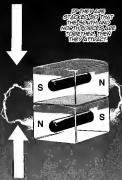
...EACH END HAS A DIFFERENT MAGNETIC PROPERTY!

AND IN ORDER TO MAKE USE OF THIS METAL WICK...

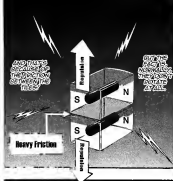


...WHICH MEANS THAT THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO ROTATE!

AND IF THE SOUTH ENDS AND NORTH ENDS ARE ATTACHED TOGETHER, THEY WILL STAY...



...AND IF THE SOUTH ENDS AND NORTH ENDS ARE ATTACHED TOGETHER, THEY WILL STAY...



**HOWEVER, IF TWO CONDITIONS  
MATCH UP SO THAT THE MAGNETIC  
REPULSION OUTWEIGHS THE  
FRICTION BETWEEN THE TILES,  
IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY!**





**IF IT'S DRY,  
ENOUGH, THE  
FRICTION BETWEEN  
THE TILES WILL BE  
REDUCED!**

Current Setting:  
Low Humidity



**THE  
HUMIDITY  
OF THE AIR  
AROUND  
THEM!**

...THE  
SECOND  
CONDI-  
TION...

AND  
ALSO...

...SOME  
OF THE  
TILES ARE  
ROTATING!

AND  
THAT'S  
WHY,  
TODAY...



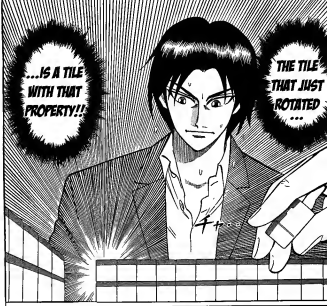
...WILL  
EVER ROTATE  
AROUND!

**ONLY THE  
TILES WITH  
THAT SPECIAL  
PROPERTY TO  
THEM...**

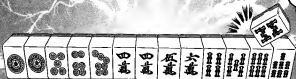
...IS A  
PROPERTY  
OF CERTAIN  
TILES!

**IN  
OTHER  
WORDS**  
...





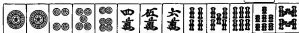
**ON THE 9TH TURN, HIROYUKI MAKES IT TO TENPAI!**



**THAT COULD  
GET HIM BACK  
ON TOP!**

...IT'LL BE  
RIICHI, PINFU,  
SAN SHOKU,  
KENZEN TSHINO  
WITH 1 DORA...  
HANEHAN!

1000 1000 1000  
1000 1000 1000  
1000 1000 1000



...HE CAN DEAL  
THE 7-PIN AND  
GO INTO FURITEN  
RIICHI!

AND EVEN  
IF HE DRAWS  
THE 6- OR  
9-SOU  
BEFORE  
THAT...



The  
next  
turn.

ふふ..



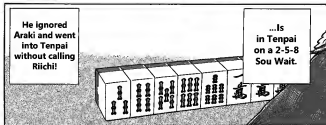


THEN THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...



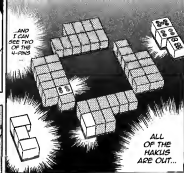
A DANGEROUS TIE TO PLAY AGAINST ARAKI...





...Is  
in Tenpai  
on a 2-5-8  
Sou Wait.











**THE  
BATTLE  
OF THE  
RIICHIS!**

**TEN  
VS.  
HIRO-  
YUKI!**



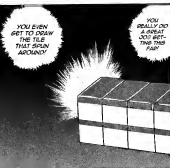
...SO  
WHY  
NOT,  
RIGHT?

I STILL  
HAVE A FEW  
SHOTS TO  
PICK UP A  
WINNING  
HAND...



...I CAN  
GET BACK  
INTO  
1ST WITH  
JUST A  
MANGAN  
TRUMP,  
RIGHT...?

YOU SURE  
ABOUT  
THAT?  
NOW THAT  
THERE'S A  
HIGH  
STAKE  
OUT...



YOU EVEN  
GET TO DRAW  
THE TILE  
THAT SPUN  
AROUND!

YOU  
REALLY DID  
A GREAT  
JOB GET-  
TING THIS  
FAIR!



**ALMOST  
THERE!**

**YOU WERE  
SO CLOSE,  
HIRO...**

**THE FIRST  
ONE IS ITS  
BALANCE!**



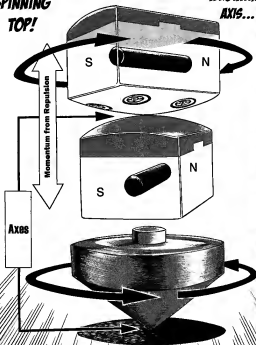
**THE  
SECOND  
CONDITION  
IS ITS  
AXIS!**

**....WILL  
BE ABLE TO  
PROPERLY  
ROTATE!  
JUST LIKE A  
SPINNING  
TOP!**

ATMOSPHERE  
HAS LOW HUMIDITY

The tile being horizontally and  
vertically symmetrical allows  
it to have a stable balance

**ONLY TILES  
THAT ARE BOTH  
PERFECTLY BAL-  
ANCED AND HAVE  
A CLEAR ENOUGH  
CENTER TO CREATE  
A ROTATING  
AXIS...**

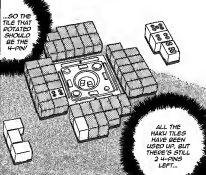




...SO  
HIS WAIT  
IS ON  
4-PIN!

WHO'S  
FIGURED  
THAT  
MUCH  
OUT...

...SO THE  
TILE THAT  
ROTATED  
SHOULD  
BE THE  
4-PIN!



ALL THE  
MAHJONG  
TILES  
HAVE BEEN  
USED UP, BUT  
THERE'S STILL  
3 4-PINS  
LEFT...

THAT ROTATING  
TILE CAN'T  
BE A 4-PIN...  
AND THAT'S  
BECAUSE...



BUT, ALTHOUGH  
IT WAS LOGICAL,  
HIS READ IS A  
BIT OFF!

ALL OF  
THOSE  
ARE USED  
UP, AS  
WELL!



...THE  
LAST TWO  
4-PINS ARE  
BOTH IN MY  
HAND...!





**SORRY,  
HIRO!**

**THIS  
MATCH IS  
YOURS TO  
LOSE!**



THE TILES  
THAT MEET  
THE CONDI-  
TIONS TO  
ROTATE...

YES...



...To take the  
tile that had  
rotated in hopes  
of completing  
his hand...

Hiroyuki  
slowly  
reached  
out...



**AND  
THAT'S  
...**

**THERE'S  
STILL ONE  
OTHER!**

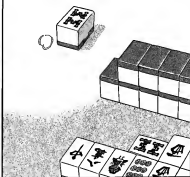
**THOSE  
AREN'T  
THE  
ONLY  
ONES!**



**BUT  
...!**

**ARE  
HAKU  
AND  
4-PIN!**





AND  
THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
...

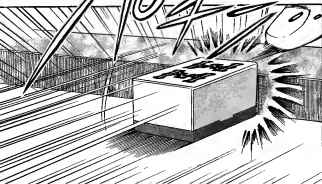
ズ  
...



ズIV...









HEY...  
HEY THE  
8-500!!



WEN'T  
THAT THE  
TILE HE  
USED TO  
RYUCHI  
...?!



THAT'S  
ABSURD!!



...I'M  
GOING  
TO CALL  
TSUMO!

BEFORE  
YOU CALL  
RON...

**A  
CLOSED  
8-SON  
IPPATSU  
TSUMO**

**....!**

**...HE WAS IN  
FURITEN FOR  
THE TILE HE  
USED TO  
RIICHI....!!**



**HOW...  
HOW IN  
THE WORLD  
DID HE DO  
THAT...?!**

**IMPOS-  
SIBLE....!**



TRANSLATED BY GONJECRAZY  
CLEANED BY BIGGIMS  
TYPESETTING BY KAZUHINO

The tile he used to Riichi was also 8-sou...!

The tile he used to Tsumo was 8-sou!

**AN  
IPPATSU  
TSUMO  
.....!!**

Hiro has made a heretical Furiten Tsumo, with a closed wait on 8-sou!!



Once again, he is nipping at Ten's heels!!

...  
And made a 1st-place comeback!

He saw through the secret of the rotating tiles...

# 第4話

# 心眼

STANDINGS AT THE END OF THE 23RD SESSION

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| TEN      | +427.1 |
| HIROYUKI | +425.2 |
| ARAKI    | -327.5 |
| KISHIBE  | -524.8 |

## CHAPTER 4:

## MIND'S EYE

THERE'S ONE MORE THING I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL ME...

How-  
ever...  
Moving to the heart of the matter...

...only raised further questions...

WHEN DID YOU FIRST CATCH ON?

WHEN YOU DREW THAT HAKU SINGLE WAIT WITH 1 TILE STILL ALIVE.

IN THE LAST ROUND

HIRO...

LOOKS LIKE YOU DID IT...

WHAT ON EARTH DID HE DO...?

JUST...



BUT THERE WERE STILL 2 MORE 4-PIN OUT THERE, RIGHT?

YOU COULD SEE WHERE ALL 4 OF THE HAKU WERE...



BUT THAT IT WAS AN 8-SOU, INSTEAD?

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT TILE WASN'T A 4-PIN...



I DID ...?

YOU GAVE ME THE ANSWER TO THAT YOURSELF, TEN-SAN.



... WAS THE GUT OF ADACHI-SAN'S CHIN ITSELF! IT WAS VERY DANGEROUS!



THAT 3-PIN...

IT WAS THE 3-PIN YOU DEALT ON YOUR 10TH TURN!



IN THAT  
INSTANT...



AS IF  
YOU WERE  
CONFIDENT  
THAT IT  
WOULD  
PASS!

BUT  
TEN-SAN,  
YOU HAD NO  
TROUBLE  
DECIDING TO  
DISCARD IT!



**YOUR  
PAIR WAS  
OF 4-PIN!**

**I WAS  
ABLE TO SEE  
THROUGH  
THEM!**



HIRO...

YOU  
SAID  
EVERY-  
THING  
THERE  
WAS TO  
SEE...



IT MEANT  
THAT YOU  
KNEW  
WHERE ALL  
4 OF THE  
4-PIN  
WERE.



YOU SAW  
THAT THE 8-  
SON AS WELL AS  
THE HAKU AND  
4-PIN COULD  
HAVE BEEN THE  
SPINNING  
TILE...

AND  
EVEN THAT I  
HAD A PAIR OF  
THE LAST TWO  
4-PIN TILES IN  
MY HAND!





RIGHT  
THEN...



...WAS  
WHAT IT  
ALL CAME  
DOWN TO,  
IN THE  
END.

WHETHER  
OR NOT YOU  
WOULD CALL  
RICH...

STILL...

**ON THE 11TH TURN, HIROYUKI DREW  
A TSUMO FOR 700/400....!!**

**IN A SPOT  
WHERE I HAD TO  
GET A MANGAN  
DIRECT HIT OR A  
HANUMAN TSUMO  
IN ORDER TO GET  
BACK TO 1ST...**

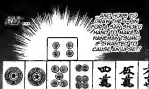


I'D  
HAVE TO  
GO INTO  
FURTEIN  
DOWN AND  
PLAY THE  
7-TH...

ORDIN-  
ARILY...

**I DREW  
THE 9  
-SON  
FIRST!**

**I  
COULDN'T  
GET MY  
HAND TO  
CHANGE  
INTO SAN  
SHOCK!**





...BOTH  
THINKING...

SINCE IT  
WASN'T  
THE ONLY  
ONE EVEN  
THE 4-  
PIN...



WITH  
THAT IN  
MIND...

...MY NEXT  
DRAW WAS  
THE TILE THAT  
ROTATED

**AND  
COMBINING  
THOSE TWO  
CONDITIONS  
TOGETHER  
LEFT ME  
WITH...**



THAT MAYBE  
IT WASN'T JUST  
TILES THAT WERE  
HORIZONTALLY  
AND VERTICALLY  
SYMMETRICAL...

BUT  
ALSO...

...TILES  
THAT HAD  
A CENTER  
WITHOUT ANY  
MARKINGS  
ON IT!

**MY NEXT  
DRAW HAD  
TO BE 8-  
SOH!**

**...8-  
SOH!**



**HE  
KNOWS  
THAT THE  
8-SOH IS  
THE TILE  
THAT  
ROTATED!**



**THEY-SOH  
KNOWS  
THAT AS  
WELL.**

**I WILL  
LIEKED  
THAT.**





THAT'S  
WHAT HE'S  
GOT TO MAKE  
READ ON ME!  
THAT'S WHAT  
HE'LL THINK!

I'VE GOT TO  
HAVE A CLIN  
WAIT, AMING  
FOR THE TILE  
THAT ROTATED  
RIGHT...P

FOR  
ME TO  
DEAL  
8-SOU  
AND  
RIICHI...



AND AFTER  
THAT, ALL I  
HAVE TO DO IS  
DRAW THE  
4-SOU AND  
REAP THE  
REWARD!

THE RIICHI  
STICK TO  
GIVE ME  
AND EXTRA  
BOOST!

THAT'S  
WHAT I  
NEEDED  
TO MAKE  
MY COME-  
BACK...

IN THAT  
CASE, I'LL  
RIICHI, TOO!  
CHALLENGE  
ACCEPTED!

**AND THEN,  
THE RIICHI  
STICK  
CAME OUT!**



**IT CHANGED  
A HOPELESS  
SITUATION INTO A  
SURE THING!!**



...AND HIS  
"MIND'S EYE",  
WHICH HE HAD  
JUST USED TO  
OUTDO TEN  
....!

WITH HIS  
"WATCH OF  
A GOD" TO  
LET NOTHING  
ESCAPE HIS  
SIGHT...



THAT'S  
WHAT LET  
YOU RUN OFF  
ALL THOSE  
WINS BEFORE,  
RIGHT,  
TEN-SAN?

THE AIR  
CONDITION-  
ING IS SET  
TO LOW  
HUMIDITY...

WELL,  
THEN,  
LET ME  
HELP...

LOOKS LIKE  
YOU AND  
ME ARE THE  
ONLY ONES  
WHO GET  
WHAT JUST  
HAPPENED

HAH-  
HAH-  
HAH...

ニヤリ...



Sawada,  
now under-  
stood it,  
too.



While he  
had been  
baffled  
up to this  
point...

GOT ME  
THERE,  
PAL.  
HEH-  
HEH-  
HAW...

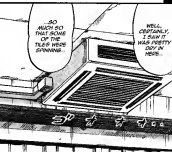


LOW  
HUMIDITY

SO  
THAT'S  
IT...!



...SO  
MUCH SO  
THAT SOME  
OF THE  
TILES WERE  
SPINNING...



WELL, CERTAINLY,  
I SAW IT  
WAS PRETTY  
DIRTY IN  
HERE...

...HAD ALL  
INVOLVED  
THAT  
ROTATING  
TILE IN  
SOME  
WAY...!



ALL  
OF THEM  
MUSTED-  
HAVE BEEN  
BEFORE...

...ONLY  
TILES WITH  
A CERTAIN  
QUALITY  
ARE ABLE  
TO SPIN!

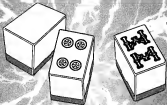


WELL, IF  
I HAD TO  
GUESS-  
IT WOULD  
HAVE TO BE  
SOMETHING  
ABOUT THE  
DESIGN...

BUT I HAD  
NO IDEA THAT  
THERE WAS  
SOME PATTERN  
TO WHICH  
TILES WOULD  
SPIN...!



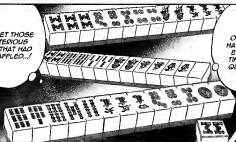
...  
**IT'S ONLY  
THESE 3  
TILES...!**



**AND  
FROM WHAT  
THEY'VE BEEN  
SAYING...**

...TO GET THOSE  
MYSTERIOUS  
WINS THAT HAD  
ME RAPPELLED..!

BOTH  
OF THEM  
HAVE BEEN  
EXPLO-  
TING THAT  
QUALITY...



**THEY'VE ENTERED  
AN ENTIRELY  
DIFFERENT  
DIMENSION OF  
GAMEPLAY...!**







**THE REAL  
KIND OF  
MAHJONG  
PRO!**



**AND MY  
FIRST-REAL  
DEFEAT!**



EVERY  
TOP MAHJONG  
PLAYER IN  
JAPAN WENT  
TO DUKE IT  
OUT!

**IN 1990,  
THE TOP REP  
PLAYERS  
IN ALL OF  
JAPAN WENT  
TO DUKE IT  
OUT!**

**AND  
THEN,  
THE  
EAST-  
WEST  
BATTLE  
...**

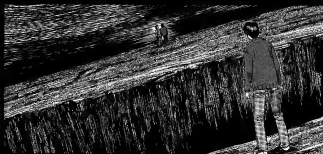
**YOU CAN  
GET IT! A  
COMEBACK  
WIN....!!**

**IF YOU JUST  
FOLLOW THE  
POSSIBILITIES  
WITH SIMPLE  
SINCERITY...**



**IT'S  
OVER,  
NOW.**

**MAKING  
IT WAS  
A GREAT  
CHALLENGE  
FOR  
ME.**





**IF YOU'RE  
TRASH, BUT  
STILL HAVE  
THE SPARK  
OF LIFE,  
TAKE IT ON!**

**...THE  
IMPORTANT  
THING IS THE  
SPARK OF LIFE!  
NOT LOSING  
WHAT MAKES  
YOU STRIVE TO  
BE BETTER!**



**BUT NOW,  
I MIGHT  
JUST BE  
ABLE TO  
CROSS  
OVER...**

**IT'S  
BEEN A  
LONG  
TIME  
COMING  
...**

**WE CAN'T  
GET STARTED  
UNTIL YOU  
ROLL THE  
DICE...**

**WHAT'S  
WOUNDED**



**YEAH...**

**WAT ONE TALK  
ALL IT TOOK  
TO GET ME TO  
START PADDLING  
HE PUT IT...**





**...OF MY  
DESPAIR!**

**THAT  
CHASM**

...

**TODAY!!**

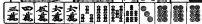
**I'LL  
JUMP  
THE  
GAP!!**

The final  
Hanchan  
begins!

I'LL PULL  
THROUGH  
AND WIN  
THIS  
MATCH!



The  
East 1st  
Round.  
Dealer is  
Araki.

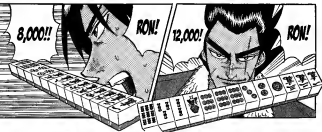


THEY DON'T  
SEEM  
TO CARE  
ABOUT  
THE  
MATCH.





**ALL FOUR PLAYERS ARE FIGHTING TO COME OUT ON TOP!!**

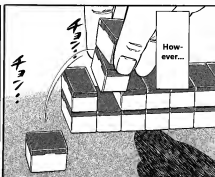
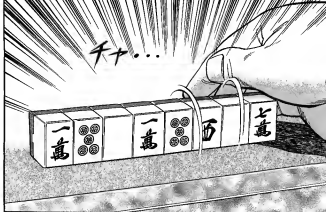


**IT'S A BATTLE ROYALE!!**











THE ROTATING TILE...  
IT WENT INTO TEN-SAN'S  
STARTING HAND...!



Yet  
another  
rotating  
tile!!

It  
rota-  
tes!



I WAS  
GONNA  
DRAW IT,  
ANYWAY



AH,  
WELL...



**ONE OF  
THOSE THREE  
TYPES WENT  
INTO TEN'S  
HAND.....!!**

**AND  
THAT  
MEANS  
...**

TRANSLATED BY SONICRAZY  
CLEANED BY BIGGUMS  
TYPESETTING BY KAZUHIRO





THE  
ROTA-  
TING  
TILE

....!

IN HIS  
STARTING  
HAND....!

IN  
TEN-  
SAN'S  
HAND

....!

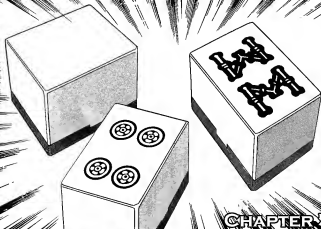


JUST  
WHAT  
...

WHAT  
DID HE  
DRAW

....?

...WHICH OF  
THOSE WENT  
INTO HIS  
HAND...?!



OUT  
OF HAKU,  
4-PIN, AND  
8-SOU...

## CHAPTER 5. THE PREDICAMENT



AND  
MORE THAN  
THAT, IF THE  
TILE THAT  
DETACHED  
AND WENT  
INTO TEN'S  
HAND WAS  
A WHEEL.

BUT WE CAN'T COUNT ON ANYONE TAKING A CHANCE TO LET IT GO!

SURE, IF HE CAN CALL THE DOGA CHIEF'S FUR FURMAN, IT WILL BE FINE.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF HARDLES TO JUMP. THIS TIME/ WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT, HERO...?



I'LL HAVE  
NO HOPE OF  
EVER REACHING  
THE LEVEL OF  
THOSE TWO!!

IF I CAN'T  
LEAP ACROSS  
THAT CHASM OF  
DESPAIR HERE  
AND NOW...



I'M NOT THE  
MAN I WAS  
BACK THEN,  
ANYMORE!!

I'VE  
GOTTA  
GO FOR  
IT....!!





I CAN  
TRULY  
SOAR  
!!

I CAN  
HAVE THAT  
"SPARK OF  
LIFE"!

I'LL  
USE  
THE  
WIND  
...!

THE WIND  
THAT COMES  
WITH THE  
"SPARK OF  
GAMBLING"

!!



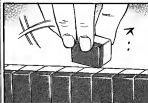
**ON THE 12TH TURN, HIROYUKI REACHES 1-SHAN-TEN!**













...Is  
waiting  
on 4-7  
Sou...!

...  
Exactly  
as Hiro-  
yuki had  
surmised  
...

...HE HAD  
NARROWLY  
AVOIDED  
DEALING  
IN!

WITH ONE  
FLASH OF  
INSPIRA-  
TION...

HOW-  
EVER...



**LOOKS  
LIKE  
HE GOT  
IT...**





THE LAST  
HAKU...  
THE LAST  
DORAL



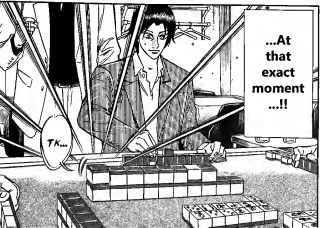
THE  
7-SOU  
SHOULD  
PASS,  
NOW!

KUWABE GOT  
A DANGEROUS  
TILE, SO HE  
HAD TO GO  
AROUND IT.



When  
Hiroyuki  
was about  
to play the  
7-sou from  
his hand...

How-  
ever, on  
the next  
turn...



...At  
that  
exact  
moment  
...!!

TK...



GGH...

Including  
the one that  
went into  
Ten's hand,  
this round  
now has 2  
different  
rotating  
tiles!!

A ro-  
tating  
tile!



THAT  
WILL BE  
MY LAST  
DRAW...

AS  
LONG AS  
NOBODY  
CALLS...



TO HAVE  
TWO DIFF-  
ERENT  
ROTATING  
TELES...!

THAT'S  
CRAZY. I  
DROPT AT  
THIS, THEN  
ELEVENTH  
HOUR...



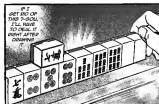
THE ONLY  
TELES LEFT  
THAT CAN  
ROTATE

ALL THE U-PIN  
ARE NOW IN  
PLAY, SO...

...ARE JUST  
HAKU AND  
8-SOH...







IF I  
GET RID OF  
THIS 7-SOU,  
I'LL HAVE  
TO CRUISE IT  
RIGHT AFTER  
CONSUMING  
IT.



AND...  
IF THAT'S  
AN 8-SOU,  
THERE...



He  
deals  
the  
tile he  
drew.

Does  
not  
deal  
the  
7-sou.



Hiro-  
yuki...



一萬 一萬 一萬 六萬 七萬

Hiroyuki's Hand

ROTATING TILE...

ざわ・ざわ...

AND, OF COURSE...



AND, OF COURSE...

IF  
I DRAW  
THE S-C  
B-MAN  
BEFORE  
THAT.



**I CAN  
MAKE IT  
HAPPEN  
...!!**



Meaning,  
there were  
none left  
...!

...Had  
all been  
dealt by  
the 13th  
Turn!

Even  
the  
9-sou  
...

SSHH...!

Hiroyuki  
had very  
slim odds  
of getting to  
Tenpai  
...!

IT'LL  
ALL BE  
OVER  
I...

IF I  
CAN'T  
GET TO  
TENPAI,  
HERE...

THE  
ONLY  
THING  
I CAN  
COUNT  
ON...



WHETHER  
I DRAW THE  
HAKU OR  
THE 8-SOU,  
I'LL MAKE  
TENPAI!!

...IS THAT  
ROTATING  
TILE....!

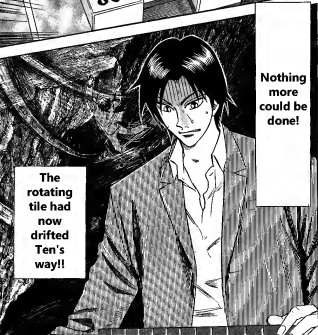
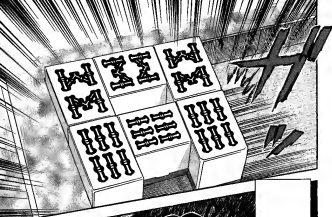
But...



PON!!!

Fate  
was  
cruel!

110 9...



The  
rotating  
tile had  
now  
drifted  
Ten's  
way!!

Nothing  
more  
could be  
done!



It  
was  
the  
worst  
...

ざわ..



ざわ  
ざわ

ざわ



The worst  
possible  
develop-  
ment!



ア..



THAT  
YOU NEED  
TO GET  
ANOTHER  
HONRA  
SOMEHOW  
OR  
ANOTHER...

I KNOW  
YOU'RE  
THINKING...



ONE  
TURN  
LEFT,  
HUH...





BUT  
I WON'T  
LET THAT  
HAPPEN.



**HIRO.**

**LET ME  
SPELL IT  
OUT FOR  
YOU...**



I'M GONNA  
CLOSE THE  
GAP, RIGHT  
HERE....!



I'M NOT  
USUALLY  
USED TO  
SEAL THIS  
MUCH...

HHH-  
HHH...



GGH  
...



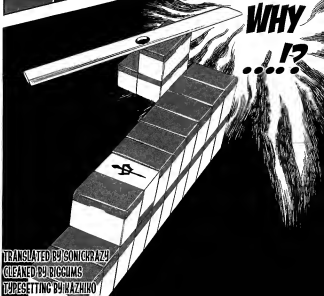


...I DON'T  
MIND BEING  
THE ONE TO  
KILL YOU!

...BUT  
WHEN IT'S  
YOUR TIME  
TO DIE...

わあ

**RIICHI!**



TRANSLATED BY SONICRAZY  
CLEANED BY BIGGIMS  
TYPESETTING BY KAZHIKO



AND WITH  
ONLY 1 TURN  
REMAINING,  
TEN FIRES A  
RIICHI AT  
HIM!!

CHAPTER 6  
第6話

A DECOY

四

IT IS THE FINAL  
HANCHAN, SOUTH 4TH  
ROUND! HIROYUKI IS  
IN LAST PLACE, AND  
ONLY ONE TURN AS  
DEALER LEFT!



...is the  
tile that  
rotated!

...Ten's  
next  
draw...



And  
to top  
it off  
...



THE  
QUESTION  
OF WHETHER  
YOU'RE  
1ST-RATE OR  
3RD-RATE...

YOU  
WANT TO  
KNOW,  
DON'T  
YOU?

...WILL BE  
ANSWERED,  
RIGHT NOW!

FINAL HANCHAN,  
SOUTH 4TH ROUND  
END (PARENTHESES) ARE  
THE END-OF-SESSION POINT  
TOTALS AT THE END OF  
THE 2ND SESSION

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| TEN      | 30,800 (4427.15) |
| HIROYUKI | 13,400 (4427.31) |
| KISHIBE  | 36,500 (-524.63) |
| ARAKI    | 18,100 (-327.55) |

ON TABLE: 1000 PTS.



HE'S  
PLANNING  
TO WIN  
WHEN HE  
DRAWS  
THAT  
ROTATING  
TILE...

IT'S  
CLEAR  
WHY  
TEN-  
SAN IS  
JAWING  
FOR...



It is  
one of  
those  
two!

Haku  
or  
8-soul



SO,  
IN THAT  
CASE...



...He  
cannot!

How-  
ever...



IF  
I CH,  
IT WILL  
CHANGE  
THE  
DRAW  
ORDER

!!



IF I CALL  
A CH THAT  
WOULDN'T  
ADVANCE  
MY HAND,  
I WON'T  
GET TO  
TENPAN

I'VE  
ONLY GOT  
TWO MORE  
DRAWS  
LEFT...









NOT  
IN THE  
END?

AND  
EVERYTHING  
WENT WELL,  
I ALMOST  
COMPLETED  
MY GOAL!

RIGHT  
WHEN  
I WAS  
GETTING  
EXCITED



NOT  
SO  
EASY  
TO  
DO  
AS  
I  
THOUGHT

IF IT  
WENT  
AS  
PLANNED  
I  
WOULD  
HAVE  
BEEN  
DONE



...AND  
SUCKED  
IN THE  
ROTATING  
TILE!!

TEN-SAN  
OPENED  
UP HIS  
VORTEX...

Hiro  
forgoes  
calling  
Chi and  
takes his  
draw...!

THIS IS  
WHAT'S GONNA  
DECIDE WHETHER  
I'M FIRST- OR  
THIRD-RATE?!



...Reaches  
Tenpai  
at the last  
moment!!



But...  
Hiro-  
yuki...



YOU'VE  
GOTTA  
USE YOUR  
"SPARK"  
TO FORCE  
YOUR WAY  
OUT!!

USE  
YOUR  
BEING  
SUP-  
PRES-  
SED!!



THAT'S  
ONLY  
OBSV-  
OUS!!

OF  
COURSE  
IT WILL  
DECIDE  
WHAT  
LEVEL  
I AM!!



The  
battle's  
only over  
when you  
say it's  
over!!

That's  
right...  
Keep  
changing  
on!!



SKINS  
UP SO  
QUICKLY IS  
WHY I'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN  
THIRD-  
RATE!!



A  
glimmer  
of hope  
...!!



WHAT  
KIND  
OF  
IDIOT  
AM  
I...



The fire  
that had  
all but been  
extinguished  
once again  
begins to  
build!!



EVEN  
IF HE'S  
MADE HIS  
TENPAI,  
NOW...

IT'S  
TOO  
LATE



THERE'S  
NOTHING HE  
CAN DO TO  
STOP THEM!  
HE'S JUST  
TOO LATE!

IT WILL ALL  
BE OVER IF  
TENPAI  
HIS TENPAI  
TENPAI



...  
HUH?!

EH  
HEH  
HEH



Ignite  
that  
spark  
into a  
full  
blaze!!



**THIS IS  
WHAT MAKES  
MAHJONG SO  
GREAT!**

**INTERE-  
STING...**



**NO WAY...!  
IS... IS  
THERE STILL  
SOMETHING  
YOU CAN  
DO??!!**

**H... HIRO...?!  
YOU'RE  
SMILING  
AT A TIME  
LIKE  
THIS?!**

**I'VE MADE  
A BREAK-  
THROUGH!!**

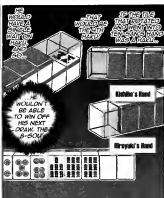
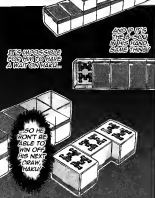
**I  
FOUND  
IT!**



AND  
THAT'S  
BECAUSE

TEN-SAN  
WON'T BE  
ABLE TO  
IPPATSU  
TENSU!

NOW THAT  
I CAN THINK  
CLEARLY, EVEN  
IF HE DRAWS  
THAT ROTATING  
TILE...



HE  
WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE  
TO WIN  
OFF HIS  
NEXT  
DRAW,  
THE  
8-500!

HE  
WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE  
TO WIN  
OFF HIS  
NEXT  
DRAW,  
THE  
8-500!

IF HE  
DRAWS  
THAT  
ROTATING  
TILE, HE  
WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO WIN  
OFF HIS  
NEXT  
DRAW,  
THE  
8-500!

Kishida's Hand

Shirayuki's Hand



MEAN-  
ING THAT  
TEN-SAN'S  
AIM...

...CAN'T  
BE TO GET  
IPPATSHU FROM  
THE ROTATING  
TILE!!



WHY HE  
DECIDED  
TO DIE...

SO THEN,  
THE QUESTION  
BECOMES...



...WHAT  
THE  
ROTATING  
TILE  
WOULD  
BE?

...IS  
THAT HE  
MISREAD  
...



THANKS



THE  
FIRST  
CASE  
THAT  
WOULD  
COME  
TO  
MIND...



AND WOULD  
HAVE SOMEHOW  
WORKED OUT  
THAT THE HAKU  
WOULD BE HIS  
NEXT DRAW!

THEY  
TEN-SEN  
WOULD  
HAVE A  
SINGLE  
HAKU  
WAIT...



IT'S  
QUITE  
POS-  
SIBLE!

IF HE  
DIDN'T  
SENSE  
THAT I  
HAVE A  
PAIR OF  
'HAKU'  
HERE!

...IT  
CAN'T  
BE  
THAT!

...BUT  
THE  
FACT  
IS...

IT  
WOULD  
SEEM  
VERY  
UNDES  
STAND-  
ABLE...

IF THAT  
WERE  
THE  
CASE!

AND  
THAT'S  
REAS-  
ON!



MEIZEN TSUMO WITH 3  
DORA FOR 2000/1000  
WOULD BE ENOUGH TO  
OVERCOME THE 4700  
POINTS HE IS BELOW  
KISHIBE-SAN!

...IF HE  
HAS A HAKU  
SINGLE WAT,  
THERE WOULD  
BE NO NEED  
TO RICH!

A RICH  
WOULD BE  
CONTLESS!

SO HIS  
AIM IS  
ELSE-  
WHERE!

AND  
THAT'S  
TO GET  
ME...

EVEN IF  
HE WENT  
INTO SILENT  
TENPAL  
HE'D STILL  
GET TO  
1ST!



**...TO  
MOVE  
RIGHT  
INTO HIS  
BLADE!!**



IPPATEI  
TSUMO IS  
JUST A  
DECOY! IN  
REALITY...

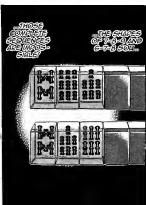
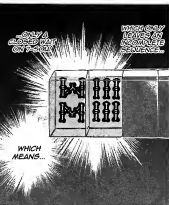


...HE'S  
AIMING FOR  
A DIRECT HIT  
OFF OF ME!!



SO  
NATURALLY,  
THE ROTATING  
TILE IN HIS  
HAND...

I WON'T  
BE PLAYING  
THE HAKU,  
NOW...



RIICHI, IPPATSU, II  
PEI KOU FOR 5200!  
A COMEBACK TO  
FIRST PLACE!

TEN'S HAND, AS HIROYUKI IMAGINES IT

...THIS  
SHAPE!!



...THAT  
I HAD  
A 7-9-9  
SOU  
SHAPE  
IN MY  
HAND!!

AND  
TEN-SAN  
WAS  
ABLE TO  
GATHER  
FROM  
THAT



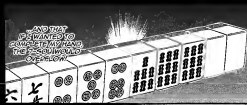
WHEN  
KISHIBE-SAN  
DEALT THE  
5-SOU FROM  
HIS HAND...

I'D  
IMAGINE  
THAT, ON  
THE 12TH  
TURN...



...AND  
SWITCHED  
MY DISCARD  
TO THE 6-  
NAN I JUST  
DREW.

...HE SAW THAT  
I SUDDENLY  
TURNED BACK  
FROM DEALING  
THE 7-SOU...



...AND THAT  
I'D WANTED TO  
COMPLETE MY HAND  
THE 7-SOU WOULD  
OVERFLOW

SINCE I WOULD  
HAVE TO SIMPLY  
HAND IN THE SET  
ON ME HAVING  
SOME HARD...



...IN SPITE  
OF HOW I  
OUTWITTED HIM  
IN THE LAST  
HANCIAN!

HE PLANNED  
ON USING MY  
MISJUDGMENT  
TO HAVE ME  
KILL MYSELF  
OFF...

**...TO KILL  
ME OFF IN  
ONE FELL  
SWOOP!**

**HE READ  
INTO MY  
HAND AND  
USED THAT  
INFORMA-  
TION...**

**BUT...**





THAT  
DEVILISH  
DECOY  
RIICHI OF  
YOURS!

...I'M  
ONTO  
YOUR  
LITTLE  
PLAN!

THIS WILL  
GUARANTEE ME  
TENPAI, THOUGH I  
CAN'T COMPLETE  
THIS HAND!

I'LL GO  
AGAINST  
YOUR PLAN  
AND DEAL  
9-SOU!





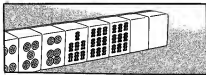
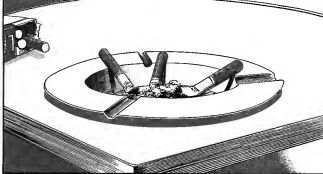
**...I'LL BE  
ABLE TO COME  
BACK WITH A  
MANGAN  
TSUMO IN THE  
NEXT ROUND!!**

**THANKS  
TO THE  
RIICHI  
STICK  
THAT  
TEN-SAN  
GAVE...**

But,  
at that  
moment

...









TRANSLATED BY SONICRAZY  
CLEANED BY BIGGUMS  
TYPESETTING BY KAZUHIKO

...  
**DISAP-  
PEARED**  
**!?**  
...

**TEN-  
SAN...**



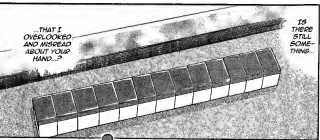
**CHAPTER 7**

**第7話**

**携帯**

**THE CELL PHONE**









PLEASE  
DON'T,  
SAKAKI—  
SANT

THIS  
MAHJONG  
WAS THE TOP...

...I WAS  
ABOUT TO  
SEE THE  
ANSWER  
TO HOW  
MUCH I  
CAN READ  
INTO A  
GAME!

AND  
JUST  
NOW...

...THE  
CLIMAX OF  
EVERYTHING  
I'VE DONE  
FOR 3  
YEARS!



...WAS WHERE  
THE LEVEL OF  
MY READING  
SKILLS...

THE END  
OF THIS  
24-HOUR  
WAP, THE  
SOUTH 4TH  
ROUND OF  
THE 33RD  
SESSION..

...  
**WOULD BE  
ANSWERED!**







...OVER THE  
JUDGEMENT  
I'VE ACQUIRED  
OVER THE LAST  
3 YEARS!

I WAS  
BEING PUT  
TO THE  
TEST...

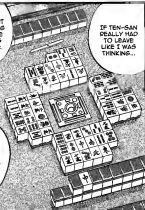
**UNTIL TEN-SAN  
COMES BACK!**



...THERE MIGHT  
BE SOMETHING  
HERE THAT HE  
STILL WANTS  
TO SHOW ME.

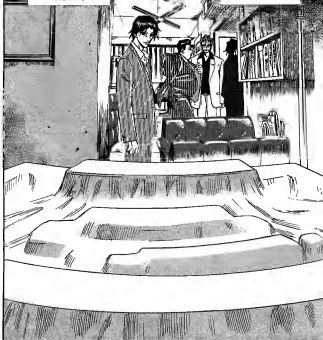
IF TEN-SAN  
REALLY HAD  
TO LEAVE  
LIKE I WAS  
THINKING...

THAT'S WHY...  
I'D LIKE TO  
LEAVE THIS  
GAME INTACT,  
IF THAT'S  
POSSIBLE



**THE  
ANSWER  
I'VE BEEN  
SEEKING WILL  
STAY HERE,  
ON THIS  
TABLE.**

**UNTIL  
WE CAN  
FINISH OUR  
MAHJONG  
WAR...**









WHERE THE  
FUCK'S TEN  
TAKASHI?

雀

雀  
10:00  
24:00









IT'S  
HAMMER  
TIME  
!!!!

SPY SPAAAAAHHHH!!!

JAAAAA



NEXT!!



HIRO...!!



TEN  
TAKASHI  
WENT IN  
THERE.  
AND HE  
AINT  
COME  
OUT!



STOAAA!!

NUMBER TWO!!



IT'S  
HAM-  
MER  
TIME~



SA-  
WAD-  
DAM



IT'S  
HARD TO  
STOP THIS  
SUCKER  
THING  
IN AND  
SAVING,  
YOU  
KNOW!!

YOU  
FUCKIN'  
IDOT!



TEN JUST  
SUDDENLY  
LEFT US,  
SO WE'RE  
LOOKING  
FOR HIM,  
AS WELL

WE  
REALLY  
DON'T  
KNOW,  
EITHER...





**MUTHA-  
FUCKA!!**



HE  
FIGURED  
OUT WE  
WERE  
REAL  
SO HE  
SHOT  
OUTTA  
THERE

TEN  
TAKASHI,  
PEEECE'  
SHIT'S  
GOT  
8000  
HITS  
ABOUT  
'IN.



HE ISN'T  
IN THE  
BUILDING...



YOU GOT  
ONE FUCKIN'  
WEEK TO  
FIND 'IM!

YOU  
GOT A  
WEEK!!



IF YOU'RE  
TAKING A  
HOSTAGE,  
TAKE ME!!

WAIT  
!!



YOU'RE MY  
HOSTAGE!!





WHAT...  
WHAT THE  
HECK JUST  
HAPPENED...



SAWADA-SAN...  
HE DID THAT  
FOR ME...







HUH?



HE'S  
"THIRD  
RATE".

...IT'S  
BECAUSE  
...



HE'S  
BECOME A  
THIRD-RATE  
MAN, BUT  
STILL WITH  
THAT SPARK  
OF LIFE!

HE'S  
FOLLOWED  
AKAGI'S  
ADVICE TO  
A T...



KEH.



THAT IRRE-  
PLACEABLE,  
MOTIVATING  
"SPARK"!!

HE  
HASN'T  
LOST  
THAT!

**IT'S OKAY  
TO LOSE AN  
OLD COOT  
LIKE ME...!**

**AS  
LONG  
AS HE  
HOLDS  
ONTO  
THAT...**





NOW THAT  
I THINK  
ABOUT IT...



BUT...  
WHY...?

AND  
IT'S BEEN  
SHIPPED IN  
TWO...!

THIS HAS TO  
BE TEN-SAN'S  
CELL PHONE...



WHEN  
I WENT  
OUTSIDE  
FOR MY  
BREAK  
AFTER  
THE 6TH  
SESSION...

BACK  
THEN...



SOME  
STRANGE  
GUYS  
LUCKING  
ABOUT...!

I REALLY  
DID SEE  
SOMEONE!





...OF  
ABDUCTING  
TEN-SAN!!



I'LL GET  
THAT TWO  
OR MORE  
PEOPLE WERE  
THERE WITH  
THE SOLE  
INTENT...

I DID  
FEEL  
LINEASY  
ABOUT  
IT!



**TEN-SAN WAS  
ABDUCTED,  
THAT MUCH  
IS CERTAIN!**



IF  
THAT'S  
HOW  
IT IS,  
IT ALL  
MAKES  
SENSE!

NO  
DOUBT  
ABOUT  
IT...













**ICHIKAWA.**



**TRANSLATED BY  
SONICKRAZY  
CLEANED BY  
CRUMP  
TYPESETTING BY  
KAZUHIKO**

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